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FOLLOWING REPEAT KHARTOUM 190 ACTION SECSTATE JAN 18.

QUOTE S E C R E T KHARTOUM 0190

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FOR WILLIAM H. LEWIS, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTER-AFRICAN
AFFAIRS, FROM MG J.N. JAGGERS

E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: MASS, SU

SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN US STATE/DEFENSE SURVEY TEAM AND
SUDANESE MILITARY

1. DUE TO AN AIR TRAVEL DELAY, JAGGERS AND RHYNE ARRIVED
IN KHARTOUM AT 1600 16 JAN. WARM RECEPTION BY US-SUDANESE
GROUP LED BY AMBASSADOR BERGUS AND MG MAGID. A US-ONLY
WORKING SESSION FOLLOWED AT AMBASSADOR'S QUARTERS.

2. FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING WAS HELD AT 1030 17 JAN AT
GHQ. GEN. MAGID CHAIRED THE MEETING. THESE SIGNIFICANT
POINTS WERE DISCUSSED.

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A. MG MAGID STATED THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE IT A
MATTER OF RECORD THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PRESIDENT
AND WAS IN FACT REQUESTING TO PURCHASE THE AIR FORCE/AIR
DEFENSE PACKAGE TO INCLUDE: 12 F-5'S, 6 AN/TPS-43E UNITS,
16 AN/TRC-97S. AMBASSADOR BERGUS AND THE TEAM ARE
CONSIDERING THIS AS AN OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE USG BY THE
GOS.

B. THE SUDANESE WANT TO AMEND THE PHASE I EQUIPMENT
AND SUPPORT LIST TO INCLUDE:
EQUIPMENT FOR:
3 ENGINEER BNS
1 WATER SUPPLY BN
1 ARMD RECONNAISSANCE SQDN
1 ARMD ENGINEER SQDN
2 155 MM BNS (TOWED)
1 155 MM BN (SP)
PLUS TNG SCHOOL EQUIPMENT:
120 M-113 A1 APC'S
AMMO FOR WESTERN WEAPONS
IMPROVEMENT OF DAMIZEN AF
NAVAL SHIP RADARS
MARINE SLIPWAY
4 ROCKET SHIPS (SEAGOING).
WE ADVISED MG MAGID THAT WE COULD NOT REVISE THE
TEAM REPORT BUT WOULD MAKE HIS REQUEST A MATTER OF RECORD.

C. MG MAGID ASKED FOR AN ESTIMATED COST OF THE ENTIRE
PHASE I PACKAGE AS AMENDED BY B ABOVE. WE WILL COMPLIE
BROAD ESTIMATES AND PRESENT THEM AT A 1030 MEETING ON 18 JAN.

D. IT WAS INTERESTING THAT MAGID WAS EMPHATIC IN STATING
THAT HIS PRIORITIES FOR ARMY EQUIPMENT ARE: ENGINEER,
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APC'S AND ARTILLERY.

E. MAGID FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO THE CHANGING SITUATION IN
ETHIOPIA AND PROMISED ME AN EXTENSIVE INTELLIGENCE UPDATE ON
18 JAN.

F. WE BELIEVE THAT MAGID IS PREPARING A "COMPLETE PACKAGE"
TO PRESENT TO THE SAUDIS AND WANTS AS MUCH INFORMATION AND US
ENDORSEMENT AS HE CAN GET.

3. WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE BUT SUSPECT
THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO BE "ON THE AIR" BY COB 18 JAN EST TO
BE USEFUL. WE EXPECT TO SEE THE PRESIDENT ON 19 JAN.

4. PLEASE NOTIFY RHYNES' OFFICE AND FAMILY THAT HE WILL
BE UNABLE TO DEPART KHARTOUM UNTIL 200445. WILL ARRIVE SAME
FLT NUMBER BUT 24 HRS LATE. WARM REGARDS. JAGGERS.
BERGUS
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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